

wherein the wetness indicator is applied on or adjacent the strip.

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2. (Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the strip is separate from the backsheet and is fastened on the inside of the
backsheet.

3. (Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the strip is a differently colored or tinted part of the backsheet itself.

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4. (Twice Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein
the colour or tint of the strip is an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity
of the article.

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5. (Twice Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1,
the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip extending in the longitudinal
direction of the article over an entire length or at least an essential part of the length of the
article.

6. (Twice Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein
the strip extends in a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article
that is intended to form a folding line for a folded packaging position of the article.

7. (Twice Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip has a width between 1 and 8 cm.

8. (Twice Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip, the printed symbols or codes being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

Please add new claims 9 - 16 as follows.

9. (New) An absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper or an incontinence guard.

10. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip is between 2 and 7 cm in width.

11. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip is between 3 and 6 cm in width.

12. (New) An absorbent article as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the wetness indicator is in direct contact with the absorbent body.

13. (New) An absorbent article as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the strip is in direct contact with the absorbent body.

14. (New) An absorbent article comprising:

a liquid pervious topsheet;

a liquid impervious backsheet;

an absorbent body enclosed therebetween;

at least one strip having a color or tint different than the backsheet; and

a wetness indicator arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet, the

wetness indicator applied on or adjacent the strip, the wetness indicator being visible through the backsheet, and

the color or tint being indicative of a characteristic of the absorbent article.

15. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the characteristic is an absorption capacity, a size, or an article type.

16. (New) The absorbent article as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the wetness indicator is arranged in a pattern.